

I send
you book -
by post, as
you sent
it to me

Maidenhead
22 Feb 1869

My dear Sir

I have been ill,
or I would have returned
your curious little book
before. I have read it
with pleasure, but the
state of my health has
interfered with my enga-
gements about it. I am sorry
it is not perfect

Yours very faithfully

The Rev. J. Payne Collier
J. F. Thorpe

This image shows a single, heavily damaged page from an old manuscript. The paper is off-white or light cream, showing significant signs of age and water damage. The text is mostly illegible due to fading and the nature of the bleed-through. The right edge of the page is very discolored and stained, appearing dark brown or black in some areas. The left edge shows the binding of the book, with visible stitching. The overall texture of the paper is rough and uneven.